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ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sought legal advice on the issue of allocation of spectrum for Fixed Service Providers (FSPs) on first cum first serve basis before such legal implications of such an allocation procedure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these matters have been discussed by a Group of Ministers; and

(d) if so, the present status of this issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The allocation of frequency spectrum, even in the past has been based on processing of applications, as and when received. In the case of Fixed Service Providers the actual allocation of spectrum will be made in stages specifically linked to performance and subject to payment of prescribed fees. Therefore, the question of seeking legal advice did not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The report of Group on Telecom and Information Technology Convergence (GOT-IT) on these matters has been accepted.